

EDITORIAL

Due process of law is not a guarantee of justice. One cannot hope that impartial justice administered by man serves any purpose unless that purpose is humanitarian. The law must be impartial to all, but humanitarian to each. Tom Dula received a trial under due process of law. He was hanged for murder where the only other suspect was later declared innocent because in the words of a juror, "she was too pretty to hang." Folk legend did not wait for the verdict, as the song "Tom Dooley" originated well before Tom's hanging was carried out. The lyrics of some versions suggested his innocence, and all versions emphasized the innate tragedy of the happening.

To INSIGHT, the nature of folk legend is to seek a personal world where one's own code of behavior has meaning. Where people see failure of justice, they cry for a more personal world. So many of us today seem to seek a more personal world, suggesting that impartial justice is far from a certainty around us. It means we continue to question whether people involved in our lives have humanitarian motives. In so doing, we continue to challenge those who perpetrate man's inhumanity to man.